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REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Communication mailed on May 26, 2005 in which claims 1-86 are divided into Group I claims (claims 1-69) and Group II claims (claims 70 -86), and are subject to a restriction requirement.

With this response, Applicants provide a complete listing of all pending claims, and elect the Group I claims (that is, claims 1-69), with traverse. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more continuation and/or divisional applications to the subject matter in non-elected Group II claims (claims 70-86).

Applicants respectfully submit that the election has been made in good faith, and that pending claims 1-69 are in proper form for allowance. A Petition For Extension of Time under 37 CFR Section 1.136 (a) is filed herewith. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees relating to this response to Deposit Account No. 02-1666.

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If prosecution of this application would be furthered by a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING TRANSMITTED
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AT FACSIMILE NO. (571) 273-8300.

ON: July 25, 2005.
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